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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 4549

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT: JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'
COMMENTS

1. NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TAKISHIRO UOMOTO PAID
COURTESY CALL TODAY. HE HAS BEEN IN CAIRO FOR THREE
WEEKS, BUT IS STILL WAITING TO PRESENT HIS
CREDENTIALS. IN COURSE OF OUR TALK, I MENTIONED LIKELIHOOD
THAT JAPANESE WILL AGAIN BE ASKED PROVIDE EMERGENCY
RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT IN FY 76. JAPAN HAD
CONTRIBUTED TO SUCH ASSISTANCE LAST YEAR AND IT WAS
MY UNDERSTANDING FAHMY HAD EARLIER DISCUSSED THE
SUBJECT WITH JAPANESE CHARGE.

2. UOMOTO PROFESSED TO BE POORLY INFORMED ON
THE SUBJECT. HE NOTED JAPANESE CHARGE HAD BEEN
APPROACHED BY FAHMY ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS. THERE HAD
BEEN NO INDICATION OF SPECIFIC EGYPTIAN REQUEST. BEFORE
LEAVING TOKYO, HE HAD ALSO HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT AN
EGYPTIAN AID REQUEST. HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT GOE
HAS NOT YET USED EXISTING JAPANESE ASSISTANCE. SHOULD
GOE RAISE MATTER WITH HIM, HE SHOULD INDICATE GOJ
BELIEVES ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OUGHT NOT BE DISCUSSED
UNTIL EXISTING CREDITS ARE USED.

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3. HE GUESSED GOE WILL NOT FORMALLY APPROACH HIM ON
THE SUBJECT UNTIL AFTER HIS FORMAL PRESENTATION OF
LETTERS SOME TIME IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS. HE
IS PROBABLY RIGHT.
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